

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1789–S1904

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1604–1609, and S. Con. Res. 44–45. **Page S1855**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996". (S. Rept. No. 104–240) **Page S1854**

Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on May 2, 1996, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham. **Pages S1870, S1900**

Agricultural Market Transition Act: Senate passed H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1541, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S1889–99**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Lugar, Dole, Helms, Cochran, McConnell, Craig, Leahy, Pryor, Heflin, Harkin, and Conrad. **Page S1899**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S1792–S1808, S1810–15

Adopted:

(1) Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3467 (to Amendment No. 3466), to restore \$3.1 billion funding for education programs to the fiscal year 1995 levels. **Pages S1792–S1808, S1817**

(2) By 84 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 27), Specter/Harkin Amendment No. 3473 (to Amendment No. 3467), to revise provisions with respect to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. **Pages S1811–15, S1816–17**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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(3) Gregg (for Lautenberg/Hollings) Amendment No. 3476 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds necessary to enhance efforts in the United States to combat Middle Eastern terrorism. **Page S1833**

(4) Gregg (for Reid) Amendment No. 3477 (to Amendment No. 3466), to protect and promote the public safety and health and activities affecting interstate commerce by establishing Federal criminal penalties for the performance of female genital mutilation. **Pages S1833–37**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 28), Hollings Amendment No. 3474 (to Amendment No. 3466), to restore funding for certain technology initiatives. **Pages S1818–24, S1828–32**

Pending:

Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1792**

Reid Amendment No. 3478 (to Amendment No. 3466), to restore funding for and ensure the protection of endangered species of fish and wildlife. **Pages S1837–46**

Hutchison/Kempthorne Amendment No. 3479 (to Amendment No. 3478), to reduce funding for endangered species listings. **Page S1846**

Withdrawn:

Gregg Amendment No. 3475 (to Amendment No. 3474), to strike chapter 3, providing for emergency spending. **Pages S1824–28**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of certain of the pending amendments on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, with votes to occur thereon. **Page S1846**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Wednesday, March 13, 1996.

D.C. Appropriations Conference Report—Cloture Vote: By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 25), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page S1808**

Whitewater Investigation—Cloture Vote: By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 26), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters. **Page S1808**

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed and, by unanimous consent, a vote on the motion will occur on Thursday, March 14, 1996. **Page S1900**

A vote on a second cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 13, 1996.

Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1494, to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1900–03**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas A. Fink, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 1999. **Pages S1900, S1904**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David H. Shinn, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia. **Page S1853**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1870–84**

Authority for Committees: **Page S1884**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–28) **Pages S1808, S1817, S1832**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:32 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1904.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTERNATIONAL CRIME

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to assess the costs associated with law enforcement training initiatives to combat international crime, terrorism, and narcotics, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maj. Gen. Richard C. Bethurem, USAF, to the grade of lieutenant general, Lt. Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, to the grade of general, Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, to the grade of general, Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, and 131 routine military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense plan, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

WELFARE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine Federal welfare benefits for immigrants, focusing on the public charge exclusion in immigration law and the enforcement of a sponsor's support affidavits, after receiving testimony from David A. Martin, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Virginia State Delegate Karen Darner, Arlington, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; George J. Borjas, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Mark Tajima, Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office, Los Angeles, California.